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FISH RECEIPTS LIGHT.

Only Five Arrivals at Boston and One at This Port.

Five fresh fish fares are all T wharf, Boston, can muster this morning, one off shore, and three market boats. Sch. Nellie Dixon has 58,000 pounds, while the boats have from 7000 to 13,000 pounds each. It's a poor showing for one of the best market days in the week. Haddock are bringing from \$2 to \$4 and large cod from \$4 to \$5.50. Market cod are worth \$3 to \$4, and a few cusk are bringing \$2.

Pacific Halibut.

Eight carloads of Pacific halibut reached Fulton market during last week. The New England Fish Company had three, Chesebro Bros. had two, John Feeney two and Wilson & Barry one. Western white halibut sold during the entire week at 8 to 9 cents and eastern white halibut at 9 to 10 cents. Some frozen halibut was put out.

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NEWFOUNDLAND DEADLOCK.

Another Election Will Probably Be Held in a Few Months.

Another general election in Newfoundland within a few months is regarded as a probability by leading politicians who are satisfied that it will be impossible to end the deadlock in the Legislature, since neither side was able to elect a speaker at the opening session yesterday. When the proceedings were opened, Sir Edward Morris, the premier, and Sir Robert Bond, whose ministry resigned last month, had every one of their supporters present. Each side numbered 18.

At the conclusion of the ceremonial part of the programme, Sir Edward Morris proposed Mr. Warren for speaker. Former Premier Bond proposed Mr. Ellis. Both Warren and Ellis withdrew their names, but Morris again nominated Warren, and once more Bond proposed Ellis' name. The first vote resulted in the defeat of Warren, 17 to 18, the nominee not voting.

On the question of electing Ellis, the House again failed to choose a speaker, the vote standing this time 18 to 18.

Sir Edward then notified the governor that it had been impossible to elect a speaker, and that therefore no business could be transacted. The governor at once ordered the Legislature prorogued for one week.

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FISH FLOAT BACK DOWNWARD.

Peculiar Property Possessed Only by Two Species.

Which fish have the power of floating and swimming back downward?

This peculiar property is possessed only by the didon and the tetrodon, two allied families of tropical fishes which are popularly known as globe fish. The tetrodon is also found off the coasts of Cornwall and Ireland. The faculty is due to the fact that the skin on the abdomen of these fishes is much looser than it is on the back, and they have the power to inflate this loose skin by swallowing air through the gullet. This, of course, enables them to turn over at will, and, although the great French naturalist Cuvier did not believe that when in this position they could swim as they pleased, Darwin corrected him and proved that they could swim both forward and backward in this position.

It is of course well known that the shark and the dogfish, owing to the peculiar position of the underjaw, are obliged to turn on their backs before they can seize their prey, and while in this position they are able to swim for a very considerable distance.

This, however, is done by the muscular force of the fins and tail and not through any special apparatus, such as the globefish possesses.—St. James' Gazette.

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Alewives at Boston.

The first large invoice of alewives this season was received at Boston yesterday morning. There have been a couple of small lots of a barrel or two received there before, but they were sold to retailers. Yesterday morning there were 20 barrels received from Vineyard Haven. No alewives from the south have yet come, which is remarkable, as they are usually here before the fish are taken in the north.

Shad and bluefish have shortened up in New York, on account of the storms, and the Boston market has been cut off from its supply for a time.

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Crew of Fresh Fish Fast

Freight.

Takes Fish From Boston to Fulton Market, N. Y., in 7-1/2 Hours.

It is popularly supposed that, on account of the arduous labor and nimble action necessary to the running of a freight train, the men employed in such work must be young, but such is far from being the fact.

The up-to-date railroad company is fast upsetting the Osler theory by continuing in service and by placing in responsible positions, requiring quick thought and action, men well across the middle span of life, men who have had experience in their work.

In no branch of railroading is this better exemplified than in the running of freight trains, the most important trains, the fast freights, being given over to the charge of the older hands.

The men who are named below compose the crew of B-H-1 (Boston to Harlem river) of the New Haven road, B-H-1 being the fastest and best train on that railroad, and used for carrying fish from Boston to Fulton market, New York city, making the trip in 7 1/2 hours.

James H. Rourke, the conductor, has seen 35 years' service on the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad and on the smaller roads before consolidation. H. J. Manahan, brakeman, has been with the road a like number of years and J. W. Costine, flagman, has passed his 25th year on the road. They have been running together as the regular crew of the train for a little over nine years.

Their present run is from Boston to Midway, Conn., though years ago it used to be much longer. At Midway the train is turned over to another crew who have brought the return train from Harlem river, the Boston crew bringing the return train to this city.

The officials of the railroad point with great pride to this train and its crew, which they claim is the oldest crew running together in New England, and give no small share of credit for the clocklike regularity of the train's running to the mature experience of the men who compose its crew.

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OPPOSE CHANGE IN CLAM LAW.

Council Adopted Resolutions at Special Meeting.

At a special meeting of the municipal council held late yesterday afternoon, a resolution presented by Alderman Stoddart was adopted, protesting against any change in the laws relating to the artificial propagation of clams, etc., was adopted.

The resolution is as follows: Resolved, that the municipal council of Gloucester hereby desires to enter its protest against any change in existing laws relative to the artificial propagation of clams, quahaugs, scallops, oysters and other mollusks, and that the Senator from the third Essex district and the representatives from the 21st, 22d, and 23d districts be notified of this action on the part of this council.

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One Off Shore Trip Here.

Sch. Eugenia, Capt. John Williams, arrived at this port from Georges handlining this morning with a good fare, 18,000 pounds of salt cod, 10,000 pounds of fresh cod and 3000 pounds of halibut. The fresh fish sold to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Co.

It is blowing quite hard outside today and it is doubtful if the shore boats get a chance to make a set.

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HADDOCK PREDOMINATED.

Boston Fish Dealers Have Liberal Supply Today.

The Boston fish dealers at T wharf had quite a lot of fish to buy this morning and are paying a good price for them. There were 22 trips at the lock when the bell rung, six of them being off shore crafts with nice fares.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, Capt. Joshua M. Stanley, has 73,000 pounds and another craft, name not reported, had 70,000 pounds. Sch. Morning Star, Capt. Freeman Decker, has 51,000 pounds and sch. Mildred Robinson, Capt. Lewis Devine, has 67,000 pounds. Sch. Benjamin F. Phillips, Capt. Michael Powers has 50,000 pounds and sch. Elmer E. Gray, Capt. Frank Ensow, has 45,000 pounds. Haddock predominated in all the trips.

Of the shore boats sch. Manomet was high with 13,000 pounds. Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan has 12,000 pounds, and the rest from 2000 to 9000 pounds each.

This is probably the last haddocking trip for several of the larger vessels, as sch. Lizzie M. Stanley is expected here to fit for south seining, and it is also figured that sch. Morning Star will now shift over to seining. Sch. Elmer E. Gray is soon to engage in dory handlining and may haul out this trip.

Haddock brought from \$2.50 to \$3.50 this morning, while shore cod, large, were from \$4 to \$4.50 and shore markets \$2.50 to \$3.50. Off shores brought less.

Again a storm kept the fishermen from putting out their trawls Sunday and Monday, and left the market almost bare of fish. Yesterday was a bad day out on the fishing grounds, and most of the fishing vessels were driven into ports for shelter. Only those which had their trawls set before the storm came, remained out, and sought to get their gear on board with the fish on it.

There were exciting scenes in the exchange at T wharf yesterday as the captains mounted the platform and began to sell their fish. There was very little fish coming from outside, and the vessels at the wharf were all the dealers had to depend upon for the Wednesday orders, and their anxiety to get some of the fish, made the bidding lively.

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Fishermen's Unions Increasing.

The Provincial secretary of the Fishermen's Union of Nova Scotia in a report submitted recently contains the following:

"The Fishermen's Union of Nova Scotia was augmented by the incorporation of seven more stations, making a total of twenty-seven stations incorporated since the passing of the Act of 1905.

The stations incorporated during the past year are as follows:

"Station No. 21, Fishermen's Union of Nova Scotia, situated at Herring Cove, Halifax County.

"Station No. 22, Fishermen's Union of Nova Scotia, situated at Ketch Harbor, Halifax County.

"Station No. 23, Fishermen's Union of Nova Scotia, situated at Sambro, Halifax County.

"Station No. 24, Fishermen's Union of Nova Scotia, situated at Indian Harbor, Halifax County.

"Station No. 25, Fishermen's Union of Nova Scotia, situated at West Berlin, Queen's County.

"Station No. 26, Fishermen's Union of Nova Scotia, situated at Long Point, Inverness County.

"Station No. 27, Fishermen's Union of Nova Scotia, situated at Canso, Guysboro County."

Three more stations have recently been organized by President Scott in the eastern district, where the spirit of unionism is alive and aggressive. The total membership of the order is now about 2000.

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PROVINCIAL FISH NEWS.

Another lobster commission is talked of at Ottawa. The enquiry now set afoot cannot be too searching.

Increased attention will be given to smelt fishing next season, as last year's catch proved to be a very paying business.

H. E. Baker, the well known lobster packer of Cape Breton, has sold out his extensive interests there and gone into business in New York.

The Cape Breton canners are offering \$2.50 per cwt. for lobsters this year. Last season the price was \$3.75. The foreign market for canned lobsters is still weak and large stocks remain unsold.

The Magdalen Islands Development Co., spent over \$200,000 in equipment and trying to make their business go. The Montreal directors had reckoned on buying mackerel at \$5.00 a barrel and selling at \$30.

The factories inspector for Nova Scotia, whose office was created by act of the legislature two years ago, makes his first report this season. He appears to have left out the lobster factories, which, as a rule, employ considerable child labor.

A Coast Guard correspondent declares that the greedy habit of canning midget lobsters has tended to depress prices abroad more than anything else. He says the scrappy meat has caused the stomachs of consumers to turn. There is doubtless something in this.

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Today's Receipts.

Sch. Cynthia, via Boston, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Eugenia, Georges, 18,000 lbs. salt cod, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish, 3000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Philip P. Manta, Provincetown.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Washakie, haddocking.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, haddocking.

Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, haddocking.

Sch. Leo, haddocking.

Sch. Stranger, haddocking.

Sch. Ellen C. Burke, haddocking.

Sch. Emily Cooney, haddocking.

Sch. Phillip P. Manta, haddocking.

Sch. Teresa and Alice, haddocking.

Sch. Speculator, south seining.

Sch. Mattie D. Brundage, Georges halibuting.

Today's Fish Market.

Salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.

Bank halibut, 8½ cents per pound for white and 6 cents per pound for gray.

Salt pollock, \$1.00; salt haddock, \$1.00; salt hake, \$1.00.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$1.65; mediums, \$1.40; Eastern cod, large, \$1.55; medium, \$1.30; cusk, \$1.50 for large, \$1.10 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 60c; hake, 60c; pollock, 60c.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums, \$2.00 snappers, \$1.00.

Shore frozen herring for bait, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per cwt.

Round pollock, 50 cts. per cwt.

Newfoundland frozen herring, for bait, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per cwt.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Dictator, Capt. Fred Thompson, one of the fresh halibut fleet of this port, was at Shelburne, N. S., with her main boom broken, and will get a new stick at Halifax.

Capt. William Corkum is fitting sch. Romance for south mackerel seining.

Capt. Benjamin A. Spurling is here from Pensacola, Florida, after a successful red snapper season, and will now fit sch. Clintonia for south mackerel seining.

Sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch, will begin to fit for south seining tomorrow.

Sch. Winnifred is fixing up at Boston and will engage in haddocking with a new skipper and crew.

Sch. Nellie Dixon will make one more trip haddocking, after which Capt. James Ellis will fit her for south mackerel seining.

Sch. Cynthia, Capt. Geoffrey Thomas, came from Boston yesterday afternoon, bringing 7000 pounds of fresh cod to split. Capt. Thomas will now fit the craft for south seining.

Sch. Teazer, Capt. Peter Dunskey, of this port, was at Portland Monday with 10,000 pounds of halibut, and 30,000 pounds of fresh fish on board. She stocked \$1225 on what she landed, took more bait, and returned Tuesday to Brown's Bank. Capt. Dunskey reports the gale of last Thursday as very severe, but the craft suffered no damage.

Sch. George H. Lube, with 2500 pounds of fresh fish, and sch. Elthier with 1500 pounds were at Portland on Monday. Schs. Albert D. Willard and Etta B. were also there.

Boston.

Sch. Mary Edith, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Valentina, 8000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Nokomis, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Georgianna, 4000 cod.

Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 3000 haddock, 500 cod, 600 cusk.

Sch. Rose Standish, 7000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 8000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Mildred Robinson, 50,000 haddock, 17,000 cod.

Sch. Manomet, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Emily Sears, 5000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Massasoit, 7500 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. John M. Keen, 2400 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Morning Star, 25,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 4000 cusk, 2000 pollock, 1000 halibut.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray, 20,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Klondike.

Sch. Benj. F. Phillips, 20,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.

Sch. Yankee, 6000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, 60,000 haddock, 13,000 cod.

Sch. Laura Enos, 2000 cod.

Sch. Diana, 6500 cod.

Sch. Gracie, 3000 cod.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$3.80 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$4.50; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3.50; cusk, \$1.50.

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Mackerel Late in Showing.

Three Trips had Been Land-

ded at This Date Last Year.

Southern Fleet Meeting

With Unfavorable Weather.

The mackerel schools out south are late in showing this season, and the seiners are having an unusually large amount of bad weather. Thus far this spring not a school has been sighted, while last year, to date, four fares had been landed, three at Fortress Monroe and one at New York.

Many of the fleet have been in at Fortress Monroe for harbor, and all have made the same report, "bad weather in plenty and no fish seen." Last Friday several of them were in there, and again Monday another bunch sought shelter from the heavy wind.

Yesterday schs. Dauntless, Oriole, Grayling and Ralph L. Hall put in at Fortress Monroe, a severe northwester prevailing outside. All reported having not seen a school yet. All hands were well.

The first fare of mackerel last season was landed at Fortress Monroe, March 30, by sch. A. M. Nicholson, Capt. Solomon Jacobs. The trip consisted of 1300 fresh mackerel, which were shipped to New York. They were caught 40 miles southeast of Cape Henry, went 140 pounds to 100 fish in count, and sold for 30 cents apiece.

The second trip last season was landed by sch. Dauntless, Capt. John Matheson, which arrived at Fortress Monroe, March 31, with 10 barrels of fresh mackerel, which were shipped to Boston.

On April 1, 1908, sch. George Parker, Capt. Joseph E. Graham, arrived at Fortress Monroe, with 55 barrels of fresh mackerel, and on the same day sch. Ingomar, Capt. Wallace Parsons, arrived at Fulton Market, New York, with the first trip of the season for that port, having 100 barrels of mediums and large fresh mackerel, about 7000 fish in count.

In 1907 the first fare of the season was landed by Capt. Solomon Jacobs, who arrived at Fortress Monroe March 25, with 3500 fresh mackerel.

The first trip landed in New York in 1907 was landed by sch. Ingomar, Capt. Wallace Parsons, that craft arriving at Fulton Market April 14 with a good fare.

The following seiners have sailed thus far this season:

Schs. Electric Flash, Monarch, Arthur James, Patrician, George Parker, Indiana, Dauntless, Esperanto, Mary E. Hart, Grayling, Aloha, Ralph L. Hall, Arcadia, Oriole, Constellation, Avalon, Pinta, Benjamin A. Smith, Squanto, Diana, Ingomar, Marguerite Haskins and Speculator.

Beside these craft which have already sailed, schs. Effie M. Prior, Hattie A. Heckman and Saladin are slated to sail today.

Among the craft now getting ready for the southern seining voyage are schs. Lucania, Cynthia, Priscilla Smith, Natalie J. Nelson, Tartar, Judique, Harmony, Hattie M. Graham, Lizzie M. Stanley, Veda M. McKown, Victor, Romance, Arabia, Shenandoah and Clintonia. In addition to these, sch. Morning Star will now probably begin to get ready, and sch. Conqueror, which arrived at Boston today, is expected to come here tomorrow, and shift over to seining.

Capt. Jacobs Takes Temperature.

It now looks as though Capt. Solomon Jacobs, who sailed Saturday night in sch. Benjamin Smith, has as good a chance as any who went early of getting a dip at the first school, and thus keep up his record of the last two seasons of landing the first fare.

Capt. Jacobs is probably now off the coast of Virginia, some 50 or 75 miles broad off between Capes Henry and Hatteras, near the vicinity of Broad island. He pursues his mackerel hunt in a very scientific way.

Few skippers have taken the trouble to test the temperature of the water when the first mackerel are caught. Capt. Jacobs has always done this, and believes that this matter governs the movements of the fish. He has never caught mackerel in water the temperature of which was below 44, and therefore no matter how favorable the "sign," such as the presence of sea geese and mackerel gannets, he never stops until the water has reached the required temperature.

There are eight weeks ahead of the fleet, in which to secure fares, and should fair weather prevail it is hoped that some good stocks will be made.

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Canadian Dogfish Reduction Plants.

A return was presented to the Canadian Parliament Saturday by Hon. L. P. Brodeur showing the work of the dogfish reduction plants in Nova Scotia. The quantity of dogfish treated at Canso during the past four years was 5280 tons, and at Shippegan 981 tons. In 1907-08, there was realized for the product (fish scrap and oil) \$15,976, which does not equal the cost of operation. The plant at Clark's Harbor cost for construction \$36,062, and the cost of operation last year was \$631. No figures are given as to the quantity of dogfish treated.

Drift Ice at Cape Breton.

The heavy drift ice from the North has put in its appearance along the Cape Breton coast. Vast fields of ice extend off L'Ardoise and Isle Madame, but as yet there has been none in the bay. This is very early for the "big ice" and some claim presages an early spring. As a sequence to the ice of the coast, raw, ice weather prevails. There are three steamers in the ice field and it will doubtless prevent the S. S. Margaret coming in to St. Peters.

Alewife Rights Sold.

For the second time in the history of Falmouth alewife fishing rights were sold at auction recently, and this year brought \$340. Shadrach F. Swift of Sagamore, representing the Gloucester Fishing Company, was the purchaser.

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Fishing Facts and Fancies.

Twelve of the fourteen vessels which fitted out for bluefishing have already gotten under way from Fulton Market, New York. Other vessels will sail from other points.

The Anacortes salt codfishing fleet, schs. Alice, Joseph Russ, Fanny Dutard and Harriet G. are getting ready to fit out for their long trips to Alaskan waters and will sail about the middle of April.

Fulton Fish Market needs some blue fish, heavy consignments of shad and some fresh mackerel, in order to enliven things. Frozen fish does not appear to have appealed strongly to the fish eating public during the present Lenten season.

For the purpose of increasing the patrol of the halibut fishing grounds in Hecate Straits, the British Columbia Salvage Co.'s steamer William Juliffe has been chartered by the Department of Marine and Fisheries and will assist the fishery protection cruiser Kestrel in patrolling the northern fishing grounds this summer.